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SUBJECT: CTB NEGOTIATIONS: USSR PLENARY STATEMENT, MAY 17

CTB MESSAGE NO. 209

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT DELIVERED AT PLENARY
MEETING, MAY 17, BY HEAD OF USSR DELEGATION.
BEGIN TEXT:

DIRECTOR WARNKE, AMBASSADOR EDMONDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

THE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE SEVERAL
GENERAL COMMENTS AT TODAY'S MEETING.

I THINK THERE IS NO NEED TO SPEAK OF THE EXTREMELY
GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO
THE EARLIEST CONCLUSION OF A TREATY ON THE COMPLETE AND
GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS. AS YOU
KNOW, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND
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CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET
L. I. BREZHNEV QUITE RECENTLY STATED THAT "WE WOULD LIKE
TO HOPE THAT THE MATTER WILL BE CARRIED TO COMPLETION AND
THE APPROPRIATE TREATY WILL BE SIGNED IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

WE NOW WOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE PAR-
TICIPANTS OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS TO THE WAY IN WHICH THE

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE MONTHS-LONG WORK WHICH HAS BEEN DONE UP TO THE PRESENT CAN BE ENSURED IN PRACTICE. AS A RESULT OF OUR JOINT EFFORTS, A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE PERTAINING TO THE TREATY HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON. OUR POSITIONS ON ISSUES WHICH ARE STILL UNRESOLVED HAVE BEEN BROUGHT CLOSER, AND WORK ON AGREED LANGUAGE FOR TREATY PROVISIONS HAS BEGUN.

HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT WE HAVE STILL TO RESOLVE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES. IN THE SOVIET DELEGATION'S VIEW, IT IS ADVISABLE AT THIS STAGE TO CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS FIRST OF ALL ON RESOLVING THE REMAINING QUESTIONS OF VERIFICATION OF TREATY COMPLIANCE. THESE ARE THE PROCEDURES FOR MAKING REQUESTS FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION, THE RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL, AND SEISMIC VERIFICATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SEPARATE AGREEMENT.

AS FOR THE FIRST OF THESE QUESTIONS--PROCEDURES FOR MAKING REQUESTS FOR AN ON-SITE INSPECTION--AS SHOWN BY THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE TALKS RESUMED, WE HAVE ALL THE PREREQUISITES FOR SUCCESSFUL WORK IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE FOR THE TREATY AND SEPARATE AGREEMENT. LET US HOPE THAT THIS WORK WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH SUFFICIENT SPEED.

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OUR APPROACH OF PRINCIPLE TO RESOLVING THE QUESTION OF RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL DURING THE CONDUCT OF AN ON-SITE INSPECTION IS TO WORK OUT THESE RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS IN THE COURSE OF THE TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT LEAVE IT TO THE FUTURE. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IN VIEW OF THE HUGE VARIETY OF SITUATIONS IN WHICH INSPECTIONS MAY TAKE PLACE, GENERAL PROVISIONS ON THE RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHOULD BE CONTAINED IN THE SEPARATE AGREEMENT. THE DETAILED RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT IN EACH SPECIFIC CASE THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION, TO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE SEPARATE AGREEMENT.

THE US DELEGATION HAS RECENTLY SUBMITTED ITS REVISED PROPOSALS ON THE RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. WE ARE NOW ANALYZING THESE PROPOSALS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE DEGREE TO WHICH THEY MEET OUR INTEREST IN FINDING A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO THIS QUESTION, WITH DUE ACCOUNT OF THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF PARTICIPATING STATES.

ONE OF THE MOST COMPLEX, IF NOT THE MOST COMPLEX OF THE
REMAINING ISSUES, IS THE QUESTION OF SEISMIC VERIFICATION
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SEPARATE AGREEMENT.

AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE NOT THE AUTHORS OF THE IDEA OF
THE SO-CALLED INTERNAL SEISMIC STATIONS, WHICH ONLY NOW,
FINALLY, HAVE BEEN CORRECTLY NAMED NATIONAL SEISMIC
STATIONS. AND IF WE HAVE AGREED TO CONSIDER THIS QUES-
TION, WE HAVE DONE SO ONLY IN THE INTEREST OF REACHING
MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUE OF A COMPLETE

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PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ROUND THE US DELEGATION SUB-
MITTED ITS REVISED PROPOSALS ON THIS QUESTION, AND WE ARE
NOW STUDYING THEM CAREFULLY. WE ARE NOT AS YET PREPARED
TO STATE OUR REACTION TO THESE PROPOSALS, AND THIS IS
ABOVE ALL BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED SUFFICIENTLY
COMPLETE EXPLANATIONS FROM THE US DELEGATION OF MANY
ASPECTS OF ITS PROPOSALS ON SEISMIC VERIFICATION. I
WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE US SIDE
WILL BE ABLE TO SUBMIT ALL THE NECESSARY CLARIFICATIONS
TO ITS PROPOSALS IN THE NEAREST FUTURE, TO AVOID PRO-
LONGING THE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH OTHERWISE MAY HAPPEN.

IN CONCLUDING, GENTLEMEN, THE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD
LIKE TO ASSURE OUR NEGOTIATING PARTNERS THAT, GUIDED BY
THE INSTRUCTIONS OF ITS GOVERNMENT, IT WILL DO EVERYTHING

IN ITS POWER TO ACHIEVE THE EARLIEST COMPLETION OF THE
WORK ON A TREATY ON A COMPLETE AND GENERAL PROHIBITION
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS. END TEXT. WARNKE

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